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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

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1. TEJA (MEA) CALLED ADCM TO ASK USG POSITION ON ROLE OF SUB-COMMISSION CHAIRMEN AT OCTOBER COMMISSION MEETING. SPECIFICALLY TEJA WISHED TO KNOW. A) WHETHER USG PROPOSED FORMALLY TO MAKE SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN MEMBERS OF COMMISSION. IF NOT, WHO OTHER THAN SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE MEMBERS? B) LEAVING ASIDE DETERMINATION WHETHER SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN WOULD BE FORMAL MEMBERS COMMISSION HOW WOULD CHAIRMEN PARTICIPATE IN MEETING, E.G., WOULD FULL COMMISSION OF 8 (4 ON EACH SIDE) DISCUSS SUBCOMMISSION BUSINESS OR WOULD CHAIRMEN MEET SEPARATELY AND ONLY REPORT LATE IN DAY TO SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER. C) WOULD ALL THREE US CHAIRMEN ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT ON OCTOBER 3.

2. IN OUTLINING ABOVE QUESTIONS TEJA INDICATED THEY HAVE NO FORMAL GOI POSITION AS YET. HE APPEARED TO FAVOR EXPANDING COMMISSION TO FOUR ON EACH SIDE AND HAVING SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN DO ALL PREPARATORY WORK. WORK OF COMMISSION ITSELF WOULD BE LIMITED TO APPROVING REPORTS MADE TO IT AND WOULD PERMIT SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO SPEND MAXIMUM TIME ON NON-COMMISSION

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SUBJECTS. TEJA INDICATED ALL INDIAN CHAIRMEN WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT BUT ALTERNATES WOULD ATTEND.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON HOW TO ANSWER TEJA AND SUGGEST INDIAN EMBASSY ALSO BE INFORMED. MAY WE INFORM TEJA THAT USG SUGGESTS PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN PARA 3 REFTEL. WE ARE INCLINED TO FAVOR FULL COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP FOR SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMEN ESSENTIALLY FOR REASONS OF APPEARANCE. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHETHER US SCIENCE SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAN ATTEND CAN WE INFORM GOI THAT GOHEEN AND ENDERS WILL BE PRESENT.

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